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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jennifer Hanthorn, 26, Janesville, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by Judge John C. Shabaz to 64 months in prison, followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

From April 2004 until March 30, 2007, Hanthorn conspired with Jerome Hughes, Lorenzo Taylor, John Dunn, and Jennifer Zweifel to possess and to distribute crack cocaine in Rockford, Janesville, and Beloit. Hanthorn traveled from Wisconsin on several occasions to meet Taylor in Rockford where he provided the crack cocaine to be sold in Wisconsin. Hanthorn also controlled the money from drug transactions for Hughes while he was incarcerated in the Wisconsin prison system.

The charges against Hanthorn were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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